

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of Jan. 10, 1951

January 10, 1951.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gafner, Gates, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—6.

Absent—Coms. Bailey, Callard—2.

Coms. Bailey and Callard were excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of appreciation for plants sent at the holidays were received from the members of the Board and their wives, Mrs. Lillian E. John and Mrs. A. G. Bishop, were received and placed on file.

John F. Gray of 536½ E. Shiawassee Street offered \$950.00 for four lots in the 300 block of Filley Street.

By Com. Hewes—

That the bid be not accepted.

Carried.

A notice was received from John H. Russell, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, asking that the 1951-1952 budget be submitted to the City Comptroller on or before February 20, 1951.

James W. Munsell asks that he be given a contract for the operations of concessions in Ranney, Municipal, Elm and West Side Park for the 1951 season.

By Com. Graff—

That this request be referred to the Superintendent with power to act.

Carried.

Letter received from G. W. Packer, President of Game-Time, on the progress which is being made in the matter of priority for public groups.

Received and placed on file.

Communication from Ray Sablain, Inc., quoting a sum of \$500.00 for 2000 cu. yds. of fill dirt.

Received and placed on file.

Lansing Commandery No. 25 who are presenting their 15th Annual Hospitaler Circus at the Vocational School Fieldhouse ask for the use of six sections of bleachers.

By Com. Hewes—

That the request be granted under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee filed a detailed report of the activities of the Recreation Department for December and January, also an attendance record at the Municipal Golf Courses for the years 1941-1950.

Building Committee gave a report on the progress of Sycamore Park Building.

Com. Graff gave a report on Public Relations.

Com. Gates of the Forestry Committee filed a comprehensive report on the gassed tree problem and treatment for the year 1950.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Graff—

That the Park Committee's report submitted to the City Council on January 2, 1951, and the opinion of the City Attorney, Charles P. VanNote, on the purchase of the following described property:

"Beginning at the southeast corner of South Parkwood Subdivision, said point being 67 rods south and 254 feet east of the west quarter post of Section 27, T4N, R2W, City of Lansing, thence east 836.1 feet to a point 253.8 feet west of Consumers Power Co. right-of-way, thence north 830.1 feet to a point in westerly line of said right-of-way, thence northwesterly along said right-of-way 290.1 feet to the east and west quarter line of said Section 27, thence west on said quarter line 754.0 feet to the east line of South Parkwood Subdivision, thence south along the east line of said subdivision 1102.55 feet to the place of beginning, except easement to Consumers Power Company,"

be and is hereby approved.

Carried.

By Com. Gates—

That the replat of Section "X" in Mt. Hope Cemetery be accepted as submitted.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the question of land purchases be referred to the Park Committee and the Superintendent and report back at the next meeting.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That Herbert E. Kipke and Lucille Ingalls be granted permission to attend the Great Lakes Recreational Executives Conference in Toledo, April 11th through the 14th, subject to approval of the Auditing and Accounts Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

By Com. Gates—

That from January 1st, 1951, the charge for marker foundations shall be \$1.00 per cubic foot and for monument foundations 85c per cubic foot.

Minimum charge shall be \$6.00.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund \$1,500.00

Carried.

By Com. Gates—

That no advertising or name plates bearing the names of retail monument dealers shall be permitted on any monument in Evergreen or Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

January 10, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of Feb. 21, 1951

February 21, 1951.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Gates, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—6.
Absent—Coms. Callard, Gafner—2.

Coms. Callard and Gafner were excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A note of appreciation was received from Mrs. Ralph Broadbent which was received and placed on file.

E. D. Johnson, 629 Ridgewood Ave., offers Lot 268 of Maplehill Subdivision, which adjoins Waldo Park, for the sum of \$800.00.

By Com. Hewes—

This offer be referred to the Park Committee to report back at the March meeting of the Board.

Carried.

Communication received from Congressman Wm. W. Blackney acknowledging a letter from Mr. Bancroft, relative to encouraging rather than restricting efforts to increase our recreational developments.

Placed on file.

Communication from the Monument Builders of America, Inc. was received and

placed on file, relative to plates for advertising purposes in connection with monument erections.

Order received by Harry E. Leadley, Coroner, for the disinterment and removal to some convenient and suitable place, for the purpose of holding an inquest on the body of Ira Wright, deceased; also a written opinion by the City Attorney, Charles P. VanNote, on same.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Com. McKim made an oral report for the Building Committee.

Com. Bailey filed a written report, which included the Annual Report of the Forestry Division for 1950.

By Com. Bailey—

That the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners commend Carl G. Fenner, Assistant City Forester, for this fine, detailed report.

Carried.

The Park Committee filed written reports, which were prepared by Ted Downey on the Potter Park Picnic Report for 1950 and the Improvements made at the Park.

By Com. Hewes—

That these reports be accepted and the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners commend Mr. Downey for these splendid reports,

Carried.

Morrison L. Ryder, Executive Director of Lincoln Center, filed a detailed report which was received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Gates—

That Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Leavitt be granted permission to attend the Michigan Cemetery Association which is being held in Detroit on February 27 and 28, subject to approval of the Auditing and Accounts Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Rules and Regulations covering Concessions on Ball Fields, as submitted, be and are hereby approved.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$2,500.00
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Carried.

The Board adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,

City Clerk.

February 21, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of March 14, 1951

March 14, 1951.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim—7.
Absent—Com. Graff—1.

Com. Graff was excused from the session.

Ald. Eddy was present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Brown Bros. expressing appreciation for the privilege of using property on River Street for dirt taken from State Journal site.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be requested to write Brown Bros. a letter of thanks for the work done on the site and for fine condition the property was left in.

Carried.

Communication received from Douglas H. Floria relative to monuments which was placed on file.

Lansing Exchange Club asks that Grand Woods Park be reserved for the afternoon and evening of June 11, 1951.

By Com. Callard—

That the request of the Lansing Exchange Club be granted.

Carried.

Mill Mutuals Agency quotes rates for insurance on the warming house and service building as Sycamore Park.

By Com. Hewes—

That we place co-insurance on the building at Sycamore Park with the Mill Mutuals Insurance Company.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Park Committee Reports:

That Lot 268, Maplehill Subdivision, is a lot 45' x 120' lying just east of Waldo Park on Ridgewood Avenue and is clean, level and desirable.

Inasmuch as Waldo Park is only 131' x 120' in size, the addition of the lot to the east would seem very desirable and the price reasonable.

There is no other unimproved property adjoining this small park and we would therefore recommend the purchase.

Signed:

KENNETH HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. GORDON CALLARD,
JOHN GAFNER,

Park Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hewes—

Resolved, that the Cemetery and Park Board recommend the purchase of Lot 268, Maplehill Sub., for park purposes and for the sum of \$800.00 as offered by E. D. Johnson, 629 Ridgewood.

Carried.

By Com. Bailey—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby requested to take bids for the rental of the concession building at Potter Park for the summer season of 1951 and that a request for bids be printed in the State Journal, with sealed bids to be in the hands of the Superintendent at noon April 11, 1951, at the Park office, 202 City Hall.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds for
Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual
Care Fund\$2,000.00

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That inasmuch as the National Meeting of the American Rose Society will be held in Lansing in 1952.

Therefore the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized to purchase additional rose stock to enlarge the rose plantings at Cooley Gardens this spring in preparation for the convention in '52.

Carried.

By Com. Bailey—

That the Board authorize the Superintendent and Director of Recreation and 2 employees to attend the Regional Recreation Congress in Toledo, April 11, 12 and 13th with expenses paid, subject to approval of the Annual Auditing Committee.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That golf fees for the season of 1951 be charged as follows:

Sycamore	\$.40
Red Cedar45
Waverly Hills50
Groesbeck	1.00
Twilight60
Coupon books for league play only—20 @ 45c.....	9.00

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

March 14, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of April 11, 1951

April 11, 1951

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the Vice-President, Com. McKim.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gates, Graff, Hewes, McKim—7.
Absent—Com. Gibbs—1.

Com. Gibbs was excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Allan C. Knoll, Band Director of Walter French Jr. High School, asks permission to use Clifford Park for band practice.

Referred to the Superintendent with power to act.

Communication from Carl Felt, Chairman of Lansing Child Evangelism Fellowship Committee, requesting permission to carry on regular Bible Story Classes during the summer recreation period in the parks and playgrounds.

By Com. Graff—

That this communication be referred to the Superintendent for reply.

Communication received from the Lansing Chapter of the United Cerebral Palsy Association asking permission to use a plot of ground and the building called "Tourist Camp" for a summer day camp for Cerebral Palsied Children.

By Com. Graff—

This request be referred to the Recreation Committee with power to act.

A card of appreciation was received from the family of Percy J. Hoffmaster which was received and placed on file.

A. M. Butts offered a parcel of land, lying north of Jolly Road, about 17½ acres, for the price of \$13,000.00.

Referred to the Park Committee,

Charles L. Hamilton submits an offer for the south 16½ feet of Lot 275, Capitol Heights Subdivision, which adjoins his property, for property which adjoins Hunter Park, described as Lot 15, Assessor's Plat, except the west 132 feet and except the east 460 feet thereof in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan.

By Com. Hewes—

That the offer of Charles L. Hamilton be accepted and referred to the City Council for action.

Carried.

OPENING OF BIDS

The following bids were received for the Potter Park Concession stand:

Bid of Bill Foote.....\$725.00

Bid of Esther Antcliff.....\$587.50

By Com. Hewes—

That the bid of Bill Foote for the sum of \$725.00, being the best and highest bid, that same be and is hereby accepted.

Carried.

By Com. Gafner—

That the check for \$25.00 deposited with the bid of Esther Antcliff for the Potter

Park Concession be returned with a note of thanks for submitting a bid.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Forestry Committee filed a written report on the completion of the winter tree removal and the planting of new trees to replace those removed, which was received and placed on file.

The Recreation Committee filed a written report on the fall and winter activities which was received and placed on file.

Public Relations Committee gave an oral report on publicity for the month of March, 1951.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Gates—

That the Board authorize and does hereby approve the replat of a part of Section A at Evergreen Cemetery, presented herewith, which has not been sold or contracted to

date, and the Superintendent is requested and authorized to sign the replat for and in behalf of the Board.

Carried.

By Com. Gates—

That the request of the family of Clyde Christopher for removal of his remains from lot 31 to lot 138 in Section C of Mt. Hope Cemetery in order that he may be placed next to his wife,

The request of Mr. & Mrs. James G. Stanley for removal of bodies of two infants from graves in Mt. Hope Cemetery to a family lot they are purchasing in Evergreen Cemetery,

And, the request of Leo Tobey for removal of the body of his daughter, Virginia, from Mt. Hope Cemetery to the lot recently purchased in Evergreen Cemetery, be granted.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

April 11, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of May 9, 1951

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gates, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

Ald. Munyon and Mr. Claude C. Austin were present and discussed with the Board the problem of children playing baseball on street park places.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Com. Callard—

That Com. Gibbs be re-elected President of the Board, Com. McKim be re-elected Vice President and H. Lee Bancroft be reappointed Superintendent of the Parks and Cemeteries.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Lansing Boat Club asking permission to hold motorboat races on the Grand River on Sunday afternoon, June 10, 1951; also to use park property lying immediately east of the Boat Club for parking and spectator area. The Lansing Boat Club to furnish liability insurance.

By Com. Gafner—

That the request of the Lansing Boat Club be granted.

Carried.

The Lansing Injured Players Fund asks permission to stage an out-door boxing show at Ranney Park on the evening of May 24, 1951.

By Com. Gafner—

That the request be granted to stage the show, provided public liability insurance is furnished.

Carried.

The Detroit Zoological Park Commission invites the Board members to the opening of the Zoological Park on May 10, 1951.

By Com. McKim—

That the invitation be accepted.

Carried.

Communication received from Mr. A. M. Butts relative to property located in Section 33, about 17 acres, which he is offering for Park purposes to the City of Lansing.

By Com. McKim—

That this communication be referred to the Park Committee for further consideration.

Carried.

Charles H. Shipley offers \$200.00 for Lot 43, Lutes Subdivision.

By Com. Hewes—

That Mr. Bancroft notify Mr. Shipley that the Board is not interested at the present time in selling the lot.

Carried.

A communication from the City Plan Commission relative to the extension of Willard Avenue was referred to this Board by the City Council at a meeting held on May 7, 1951. The opening of Willard Avenue would require some park property.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners approve the extension of Willard Avenue.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Forestry Committee filed a detailed report on the tree removal during the winter season, the spring planting to replace those removed and the planting of trees in the nursery for future needs which was received and placed on file.

The Recreation Committee field a report on the activities of this department during the month of April, 1951.

Received and placed on file.

The Public Relations Committee reported on the favorable publicity for the month of April, 1951.

The Park Committee reported on property in the Waverly Park Subdivision along the Grand River which the owners might be interested in selling for park purposes.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Superintendent write a letter to General Royce, one of the owners, that this Board might be interested in the proposition.

Carried.

Building Committee—

Painting and the electric work outside the Sycamore Park building is now being completed and the Department is grading around the building.

The Groesbeck building has been turned down at least temporarily by the Council.

We recommend that plans for the Cemetery office be referred to an architect to prepare plans and specifications and that the Committee be given power to act in developing the plan for construction bids.

ROBERT A. McKIM,
K. E. HEWES,
WM. T. GATES,
C. G. CALLARD,
Building Committee.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Superintendent be instructed to engage Architects Manson and Carver to prepare plans for the Cemetery office.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Gates—

That the newly-developed section in Mt. Hope Cemetery being Lots 115 to Lots 144, inclusive, in Section X be sold at \$1 per square foot and that 57½ cents of each dollar be deposited with the City Treasurer in the Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund for maintenance.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$2,500.00
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Carried.

By Com. Gafner—

That the Board set up a 20 x 30 foot stand for the North Lansing Festival Committee from May 16th thru May 30th.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Recreation Committee be given power to act, if the need arises, to take action on the subject of organized baseball.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That Mr. Bancroft write a letter to Mr. Wooten, who is in the hospital, expressing the wishes of the Board for a speedy recovery.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

May 9, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

Board of Cemetery and Park

Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings June 13, 1951

June 13, 1951.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—7.
Absent—Com. Gafner—1.

Com. Gafner was excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Wooten for flowers and good wishes sent to Mr. Wooten.

Received and placed on file.

Ward Cameron submits list of 13 men from Park and Forestry Departments who have finished Standard Course of American Red Cross First Aid.

Received and placed on file.

G. S. Lutes offers \$200 for Lot 43, Lutes Subdivision.

By Com. Hewes—

That Mr. Bancroft notify Mr. Lutes that the Board is not interested at the present time in selling the lot.

Carried.

Letter from Mrs. Arthur Granger, President, Elmhurst PTA, thanking department and park attendants for cooperation given

them at the picnic of the Elmhurst School at Moores Park.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from Mrs. Mark N. Brouwer, Corresponding Secretary, Lansing Chapter United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan, thanking the Board for their splendid cooperation and assistance for the summer recreation program for Cerebral Palsied children.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from Michigan Cemetery Association relative to summer meeting of Association to be held June 25th and 26th at Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

By Com. Callard—

That Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Leavitt be authorized to attend.

Carried.

Letter from Central Trust Company relative to abstract of title and proposed warranty deed of property recently purchased by Board, Scott's Woods, so-called.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from C. LaVerne Roberts expressing his delight on the Board's purchase of Scott's Woods, being a bird lover and one who likes to hike, feels that this will be very advantageous to such people.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Forestry Committee filed a written report of the tree trimming program that

is now in progress, which was received and placed on file.

Park Committee gave a report from Waverly Hills Association relative to approximately 2.3 acres of property west of the Boat Club they are interested in giving to the City when description can be determined; also that the owners of the property along Grand River in Waverly Park Subdivision are not interested in selling for park purposes at this time.

Public Relations Committee gave a report for month of May 1951.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hewes—

That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Scott for fine cooperation given the Board in making possible the purchase of Scott's Woods.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Board officially name the property described as:

"The west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, T4N, R2W, except that portion of the south 20 rods thereof lying east of Sycamore Creek,"

SCOTT WOODS, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Scott.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Building and Park Committee make a survey of the Ranney property on S. Cedar Street.

Carried.

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Per-
petual Care Fund.....\$3,000.00

Carried.

President Gibbs named the following picnic committee:

The President, Vice-President, Superintendent and Com. Gates.

The meeting adjourned.

THEO FULTON,
Deputy City Clerk.

June 13, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings July 11, 1951

July 11, 1951.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

The meeting followed a picnic dinner in Grand Woods Camp which was attended by members of the Board, their wives, Mayor Crego and Mrs. Crego.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gates, Gibbs, Graff, McKim—6.

Absent—Coms. Gafner, Hewes—2.

Mayor Crego was present at the meeting.

Coms. Gafner and Hewes were excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of thanks was received from the Ingham County Medical Society, Donald J. Drolett, M.D., Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, expressing appreciation for the Potter Park facilities made available for their family picnic on June 14, 1951, and especially commended Mr. Downey for his thoughtfulness in making the picnic a success.

Received and placed on file.

Communication received from the Board of Water and Electric Light Commissioners relative to using a strip of land at the West Side Field for a switch house in order to serve the new Oldsmobile Division which is being built on Saginaw Street.

By Com. Bailey—

That the request of the Water and Light Board for the use of a strip of land lying along the east side of the Belt Line Rail-

road, approximately 1,000 feet north of Saginaw Street be referred to the Joint Park and Finance Committees of the Board with power to act.

Carried.

Communication from the Cub Scouting Committee of the Boy Scouts requesting permission to stage a Cubmobile Speed Classic in Potter Park on Wednesday, July 25, 1951; also request a motorcycle escort for a parade on Washington Avenue during the forenoon.

By Com. Callard—

That the Cub Scouting committee be and are hereby authorized to use the Dakin Street Bridge drive on Wednesday, July 25th, for the Cubmobile Speed Classic but subject to a public liability policy protecting the City from any liability arising or resulting from the event and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks or assistants.

The Board will co-operate but asks that the drive be opened to traffic as soon as may be after the races.

The request for parade and motorcycle escort should be secured from the City Council.

Carried.

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds for	
Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Fund	\$1,000

Series "G" United States Bonds for	
Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Fund	\$1,500

Carried.

RESOLUTION

The Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners and staff wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the services rendered to the Board and to the City of Lansing by Commissioner William T. Gates.

Commissioner Gates was appointed by Acting Mayor Crego on October 25, 1943, to fill out the term of our departed Commissioner E. B. Johns. He was appointed to the Board by Mayor Ralph W. Crego for a regular term on April 30, 1945, and was re-appointed again in 1949. Commissioner Gates has served with credit on the committees of the Board and, in particular, as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee for the past seven years.

The Board regrets that the change of residence has necessitated the resignation of Commissioner Gates, and

We hereby express our thanks and appreciation for the time which Commissioner Gates has so generously given in the public interest, for the interest and integrity which has marked his words, and for the good business judgment which has marked his service with the Board.

RALPH W. CREGO, Mayor.
MILLIE M. BROWN, Clerk.
ENEST D. GIBBS, Pres.

ROBERT A. McKIM, V. Pres.
C. G. CALLARD
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.
WALTER A. GRAFF
JOHN GAFNER
KENNETH E. HEWES
H. LEE BANCROFT, Sup't.
CARL FENNER, Ass't. Sup't.

By Com. Graff—

That the plans for the Cemetery Building on E. Mt. Hope Avenue be referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

Carried.

The subject of bleachers which are needed for the Michigan Trucking Association Rodeo being held in Lansing during the month of August was referred to the Superintendent and Recreation Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

July 11, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings August 8, 1951

August 8, 1951

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gibbs, McKim—5.
Absent—Coms. Graff, Hewes—2.

Coms. Graff and Hewes were excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Delano Granite Works, Inc., asking permission to sandblast a small seal on the end of their monuments.

Referred to the Cemetery Committee and Superintendent.

Ward Cameron filed a report on the various numbers of cars from different states and counties of Michigan which were in the Lansing parks on July 4, 1951.

Received and placed on file.

Copy of Commissioner Wm. T. Gates resignation as a member of the Board of Cemetery and Park to Mayor Ralph W. Crego was placed on file.

Communication received from Fred Brieve of Grand Ledge High School relative to a golf program for the coming year.

Referred to the Recreation Committee and the Superintendent.

Ted Downey filed an interesting and detailed report on the cost of putting up hay for the year of 1951.

Received and placed on file.

M. H. Cooper offers to sell to the City of Lansing a piece of property in Supervisor's Plat No. 1, Lansing Township, which adjoins Red Cedar Golf Course.

Referred to the Committees on Building and Park.

August 8, 1951.

Board of Park and Cemetery
Commissioners
Lansing

Gentlemen:

I request permission to attend the National Shade Tree Conference at Cincinnati, August 27th to 31st.

Estimated cost \$81.00.

CARL FENNER.

By Com. Bailey—

That Carl Fenner be allowed to attend this Conference and the request for expenses be referred to the Council Committee on Auditing and Accounts.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Park and Finance Committees of the Cemetery and Park Board, as authorized, make the following report for the approval of the City Council:

The City of Lansing owns property which is known as West Side Field and described as:

"Commencing at the intersection of the east line of the Lansing Manufacturer's Railroad right of way and the north line of Saginaw Street, thence east to the west line of Stanley Street, thence north to the north line of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T4N, R2W, City of Lansing, thence west to the Lansing Manufacturer's Railroad right of way, thence southwesterly along said right of way to the place of beginning."

The Water and Light Board would like to purchase or have transferred to their ownership, a parcel of land in the northwest corner of the property, described as:

"Beginning at a point on the east line of the Lansing Manufacturer's Railroad right of way, 1175 feet north of the center line of Saginaw Street, thence east 50 feet, thence north and northeasterly parallel to the east railroad right of way line (approximately 150 feet) to the north line of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T4N, R2W, thence 50 feet west to the Lansing Manufacturer's right of way, thence southwesterly and south to the point of beginning."

In addition the Water and Light Board would like an easement to extend electric cables to the land east described from Stanley Street and the privilege of ingress and egress over the north end of the property to service their lines and equipment.

For the purchase of the property and the easements to run cable and for the privilege of ingress and egress to the property which they wish to purchase, they agree to:

1. Pay the sum of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) for the property described;
2. Agree to erect suitable fences and gates for the protection of the property;
3. Agree to assume the building and maintenance of a road into the property from Stanley Street, parallel to and 30 feet from the north boundary line of the park property.

Signed:

R. A. McKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,
K. E. HEWES,
W. A. GRAFF.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the joint committee be approved.

Carried.

The Building Committee asks for an extension of time on plans and specifications for the Cemetery Office Building until the architect completes the preliminary work.

Signed:

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.

By Com. McKim—

That the committee be granted further time.

Carried.

The Cemetery Committee hereby presents the request of Paul and Josephine Cox for permission to make removal of the remains of infant Darlene Cox from Evergreen Cemetery to their family lot in the Webberville Cemetery.

ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.
ROBERT A. MCKIM.

By Com. Bailey—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

The Forestry Committee filed a written report on the storm damage to trees which occurred on July 27, 1951, which was received and placed on file.

Public Relations Committee gave a report on the fine publicity which had been received during the month of July, 1951.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund\$1,500.00

Carried.

By Com. Gafner—

That the offer of Frank Vandervoort to sell the City of Lansing some property on Moores River Drive be referred to the Park Committee and the Superintendent to report back to the Board for consideration.

Carried.

By Com. Gafner—

That the Michigan Trucking Association be loaned the use of the band stand at the airport during their rodeo.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on several subjects of interest to the Board members, mentioning property along the river bank on River Street and the Bassett Street Park which has been developed this summer and the needs of the children in this neighborhood are well taken care of.

Meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Sept. 12, 1951

September 12, 1951

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gafner, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—7.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

S. Burr McCurdy, 416 N. Capitol Avenue, requests permission for two burials on Lot 3, and part of Lot 2 and 4 on the east one-half of Lot 176, Section "B", Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Referred to Committee on Cemetery.

Communication received from J. F. Heusser, Executive Director, Zoological Society of Cincinnati, expressing appreciation of Mr. Bancroft's sayings about their Aquarium, an enclosed a set of plans of their building.

By Mr. McKim—

That this Board send a letter to Mr. Heusser expressing their thanks for the fine co-operation and assistance.

Carried.

A card of thanks was received from the family of Theron Downey, which was received and placed on file.

Newsletter received from the National Recreation Association with information about the 33rd National Recreation Congress in Boston, October 1 to 5, 1951.

By Com. Callard—

That the Board approve sending one delegate to the National Recreation Congress in Boston with expenses paid from October 1 to 5, 1951, subject to approval of the Council Committee on Auditing and Accounts.

Carried.

Communication received from Harry L. Conrad relative to the acquisition of Frank VanderVoort's property for park purposes along Moores River Drive.

Referred to the Park Committee with power to act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Cemetery Committee hereby presents the following requests for removals:

From Mrs. Margaret Crotty Craig for the removal of the remains of William E. Crotty from grave 4 of lot 18, Section N to grave 1 of lot 102, Section D, Mt. Hope Cemetery, in order that he may be placed on the family lot;

From Robert D. and Juanita K. Cummins for the removal of the remains of baby boy Cummins from grave 69 of infant Section C to grave D-33 of Section C in Evergreen Cemetery, in order that they may place a marker on the grave.

And from Zygmunt and Agnes Glazik for the removal of the remains of Edwin Adam Glazik from grave 67 of infant Section C to grave E-19 of Section C in Evergreen Cemetery in order that a marker may be placed on the grave.

Signed:

ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.,
K. E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
Committee on Cemeteries.

By Com. Bailey—

That the requests be granted.

Carried.

The Building Committee as directed by the Board, has advertised and received bids for the construction of a Cemetery Office Building.

Seven bids were received and are attached to this report.

The bid of the Vandenburg Construction Company was the best and lowest bid and was accompanied by the bid bond.

The Committee, after meeting with the Architects, Manson and Carver, and Mr. Vincent Vandenburg, recommends that the bid of the Vandenburg Construction Company be accepted in the amount of \$18,200.00 and a deduction of \$358.00 be made as provided in Alternate No. 1 and that a further deduction as agreed upon be made of \$212.00 and contract be entered into with the Vandenburg Construction Company in the amount of \$17,630.00.

By Com. McKim—

That the report be adopted.

Carried.

Maple "wilt" is the name of a fungus disease that attacks sugar and Norway Maples throughout eastern and central United States. It is not known how the fungus (which is a plant) makes its entrance into the tree victim, but when it once starts, it grows rapidly and sends its own plant tissue thru the water conducting tubes of the sap stream. The fungus fills and therefore clogs many of the tubes, thus shutting off the water supply to the foliage. This lack of water causes portions of the top to wilt and die, sometimes the whole tree top may die within the space of a few weeks. In rapidity of action there seems to be two forms of the disease, a slow, lingering type and a virulent swift acting type.

No treatment is possible to combat the virulent type. If the slow acting type is called to our attention when first noticed, treatment by watering and fertilizing is often feasible. Results are quite unpredictable, many treated trees apparently recovering, some continuing to die, and other untreated trees sometimes survive and recover.

Last year a total of 59 valuable sugar and Norway Maples were found infected with this disease. Of these 34 were killed, 15 were treated by watering, pruning, fertilizing and soil cultivation. The affected trees that survived the winter were sprayed in May to prevent seed development, the

food elements necessary to seed growth being thereby diverted into maintaining the general health of the trees.

So far this summer 22 new cases have been discovered, 12 of which were nearly dead and have been removed. Some of the remaining trees have been treated—and all, of course, are kept under observation.

Signed:

JOHN GAFNER,
W. A. GRAFF,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.,
Forestry Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund\$2,000.00

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund\$ 500.00

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to sign a contract for and in behalf of the City of Lansing for the construction of a Cemetery Office Building with the Vincent Vandenburg Construction Company for the sum of \$17,630.00 as provided in the plans and specifications of Manson and Carver, Architects, at such time as Performance Bond has been presented and approved by the City Attorney, and

Be it further resolved, that the bids and bonds of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to them with the thanks of the Board for submitting bids.

Carried.

By Com. Bailey—

That the request of Burr McCurdy to make one additional burial on the east half of Lot 176, Section B at Mt. Hope Cemetery to provide burial space for the remaining members of the family be approved and record made on the section books at the Cemetery office in the City Hall and at the Cemetery, be allowed.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Committee on Buildings and Properties be given an extension of time to deliberate on the offer of M. H. Cooper to sell property in Supervisor's Plat No. 1, Lansing Township, which adjoins Red Cedar Golf Course.

Carried.

By Com. Graff—

That the Board acknowledge receipt of \$2,000.00 from the Board of Water and Electric Light Commissioners covering purchase of land in West Side Field, and that the check be deposited with the City Treasurer and credited to Park Fund 2 D 17, Land Purchase Account.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the subject of a well being driven on Waverly Golf Course by the Landel Metropolitan District be referred to the Committees on Building and Properties and Park.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on several subjects of interest.

Meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 24, 1951

October 24, 1951

The Board met in a postponed session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—6.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A card of thanks was received from Com. Bailey for flowers sent to him during his recent illness.

Received and placed on file.

Notice of a Public Hearing to be held on the 23rd day of October, 1951, on the Montgomery Drain was received from Gerald L. Graham, County Drain Commissioner.

Received and placed on file.

Communication received from Mrs. Lottie C. Many of 501 S. Holmes Street relative to that part of Marcus Street lying east of S. Holmes Street, which abuts her property.

Referred to the Park Committee and the Superintendent with power to act.

Copy of a letter to the City Council, the resignation of John Gafner from the Cemetery and Park Board, was received

President Gibbs appointed the Public Relations Committee and the Superinten-

dent to assist him in preparing a resolution on the resignation of Mr. Gafner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee reported on the Fall and Winter Programs now in progress at Cedar Street Recreation Center.

The Building Committee reports that work is progressing on schedule at the new Cemetery Office Building and that the building is now enclosed.

The committee drove to Eaton Rapids and inspected an Armco Steel Building which we consider suitable for storage purposes.

The committee also recommends that if possible a three-truck garage be built at the Cemetery to provide storage room for cemetery equipment.

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
K. E. HEWES,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.

Report of the Forestry Committee

October 10, 1951.

Plans are nearly completed for a modest street tree planting program to be started about October 17th. The program will be in three main phases.

First, approximately 100 trees of seven varieties will be planted to replace some 50 old trees destroyed in the July 27th storm, and to replace small young trees of last years planting that have died or were killed by cars, children, and other agencies.

Second phase (a) will include the planting of 113 sugar maple trees in a new residence subdivision known as Country Club Manor lying just east of and adjacent to the Lansing Country Club Golf Course. The owners of the subdivision have paid for the trees which were selected in the Greening Nursery at Monroe, Michigan.

Planting costs amounting to several hundred dollars will also be paid by the subdivision owners.

In the second phase (b) we will plant 101 trees on the Colonial Village Subdivision for Walter Neller Company under conditions identical to those of the first mentioned.

In the third phase of the program it is proposed to plant approximately 100 sugar maple, norway maple, columnar and hackberry trees on streets heretofore not included in the city-wide, no-charge planting program. Sidewalks and curbs having recently been installed on these streets, they now qualify for the planting by the city in accordance with the policy which has been in effect since 1930.

Streets to be included are as follows:

Bassett, Durant N. of Hyland, Hyland W. of Cleo.

Westmoreland N. of Hyland, Maryland S. of May, LaSalle Blvd.

LaSalle Gardens, Fernwood E. of N. Francis, Vine E. of N. Francis and Kipling Blvd.

The fall planting program should be completed early in November.

Forestry Committee:

ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.,
W. A. GRAFF.

The Park Committee reports that the Committee met with the Council Park Committee and approved the purchase and financing of 194 feet of land west of and adjacent to Riverside Park on which the Board will pay \$4,500.00 from the Property Purchase Account, 2-D-17, and to which the Moores River Drive Association will make a contribution of \$500.00.

Further, the Committee reports that the Council has approved the purchase at their meeting on Monday, October 22nd.

K. E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
C. G. CALLARD.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Lucille Ingalls filed a written report on the 33rd National Recreation Congress held in Boston from October 1 to 5, 1951, which she attended.

Received and placed on file.

October 24, 1951.

Cemetery and Park Board:

I would like permission to attend the convention of the American Park Institute

from November 12th to 17th at Miami, Florida.

Estimated expense \$250.00.

H. LEE BANCROFT,
Superintendent.

By Com. McKim—

That the request of Mr. Bancroft be granted.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual
Care Fund\$2,000.00

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual
Care Fund\$ 500.00

Carried.

By Com. Bailey—

We notice in the report of contributions to the Community Chest that the employees of this Board have made the best record of any City Department as to meeting the quota assigned to them and we as a Board are proud of the showing which reacts to the credit of the department and the City of Lansing.

We wish and do hereby express our thanks and appreciation to every employee whose contributions have made this splendid record a possibility and brought credit to the department and to the City of Lansing.

Approved by the following Commissioners:

ERNEST D. GIBBS,
ROBERT A. McKIM,
K. E. HEWES,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.
C. G. CALLARD,
W. A. GRAFF.

By Com. Callard—

That the November meeting of the Board be dispensed with and the next meeting be held on December 12, 1951.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

October 24, 1951.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of Dec. 12, 1951

December 12, 1951

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—6.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A card of thanks was received from the family of Harry A. Wooton, which was received and placed on file.

A card of thanks was received from Christine Crowner for flowers sent her during her recent illness, which was received and placed on file.

Communication received from Mrs. Lottie C. Many, of 501 S. Holmes Street, relative to her property, which abuts park property.

Received and placed on file.

Ted Downey, Park Manager, makes report of park attendance and reroofing the bird house in 1951.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from M. H. Cooper, Jr. and M. H. Cooper, Sr., withdrawing offer to sell to the City of Lansing a piece of property in Supervisor's Plat No. 1, Lansing Township, which adjoins Red Cedar Golf Course.

Received and placed on file.

Communication received from Mabel Stafford asking permission to borrow sixteen park benches to use for the senior prom for the Class of January 1952 of Sexton High School to be held on January 19, 1952.

By Com. Callard—

That the request be granted.

Carried.

December 12, 1951.

Board of Cemetery and
Park Commissioners

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We have credited the sum of \$1,250.00 received from the Central Trust Co., Administrators of the Harriett L. Stroud Estate on Nov. 16, 1951, to a new account designated "Stroud—Special Park A/C."

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. SANDERSON,
City Comptroller.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Com. McKim reported on the new garage being built at the Cemetery.

Com. Bailey filed a written report on trees planted to replace those that were destroyed during the summer, and the new trees in the city-wide planting, which was received and placed on file.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on many subjects of interest to the Board members, including his convention trip to Miami, Florida.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Callard—

That the following rinks be opened, when and if the season allows: Bancroft Park, Sycamore Park, Comstock Park, Quentin Park, Foster Play Ground, Oak Park and Everett Field. That consideration be given a children's rink at Sexton High School.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the subject relative to golf fees be referred to the Recreation Committee and Superintendent with power to act.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the attached letter be sent to former Commissioner John Gafner and printed in full in the records.

Carried.

Mr. John Gafner

State Capitol Building

Lansing

Dear John:

The Park Board regrets that your change of residence has required your resignation from the Cemetery and Park Commission.

Every member of the Board, as well as the employees, have enjoyed association with you and appreciate fully the good judgment, experience and time which you have contributed for the benefit of the Board and the City of Lansing.

Your past experience in athletics, your participation as a player and official in city league activities and your association with the State of Michigan have all contributed to your fund of information and given weight to your judgment.

May we also compliment you on your attendance and loyalty to the Board and to the City and express further the personal friendship which we all enjoyed during your term of office.

The Board appreciated your offer of continued service and will look forward to your help and assistance in the best interests of our growing city.

Sincerely,

ERNEST D. GIBBS,
President.

ROBERT A. McKIM,
Vice President.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

H. LEE BANCROFT,
Superintendent.

O. H. BAILEY, JR.
WALTER A. GRAFF.

C. G. CALLARD.
K. E. HEWES.

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Perpet-
ual Care Fund\$2,000.00

"Series G" United States Bonds
for Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpet-
ual Care Fund\$ 500.00

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

BEULAH M. ROUSE,
Ass't. City Clerk.